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Celebrate the “Cat” Days of Summer

July 14, 2010 – Waterford, VA – Forget the dog days of summer – this year, the Loudoun County Animal Shelter is celebrating the “Cat” Days of Summer now through Labor Day with wonderful cats and kittens of all kinds looking for new, loving homes.

During the “Cat” Days of Summer, July 15 through September 5, all cats adopted from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be spayed/neutered for free (if necessary). That means that kittens under 6 months of age will have a \$40 adoption fee, all cats ages 6 months to 7 years will have be \$20, and all cats over 7 years will only be \$10.

Cats outrank dogs as America’s # 1 pet, and it is easy to see why. They may have the reputation for being aloof, but that’s far from true! Cats are affectionate, playful, and loyal. They make wonderful pets, and their natural independence often means they are easier to care for and adapt to our busy schedules.

Why Summer is Purr-fect for Cats...

- No walks on hot summer days.
- They bathe themselves – no wet dog smell!
- They love to chill in front of a fan or in the A/C.
- They don’t make you feel guilty for taking a nap in the afternoon—in fact, they join right in.
- Going on a weekend getaway? They don’t mind spending the night home alone!
- Going crazy from the heat? Petting a cat can actually lower your blood pressure.
- An ice cube makes a great (free!) cat toy.
- Summer thunderstorm? No sweat as long as they can curl up in your lap!

Cats never require a 5am walk for a “potty break,” and on hot summer days are happy to chill with you in the comfort of the air conditioning. They don’t need to be housebroken, as they instinctively know to use a litter box. All they ask is for you to show them where it is and to keep it clean!

Cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time (as long as the food, water, and litter box is well attended). They are happy to entertain themselves, though they often enjoy having a kitty companion to pal around with.

If you haven’t yet discovered the joys of having a cat in your life, then summer is the purr-fect time to visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter! The Shelter has lots of cats and kittens available for adoption – just visit www.loudoun.gov/animals to see them online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. For

more information or directions visit www.loudoun.gov/animals. The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is tobacco free in its facilities and on its grounds.

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